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City to provide Garbage Billing beginning Feb. 22, 2010

Joshua residents will begin to receive quarterly billing for trash and recycling from the City instead of from IESI starting February 22, 2010. These bills will be for garbage and recycling service from March 1, 2010 – May 31, 2010. Payment will be due March 15, 2010, and will be made directly to the City. The bills will look different than what residents are used to seeing from IESI, and will be mailed to the owner of the property. A sample bill is included in this publication for your information.

Service routes and collection days will remain the same. Garbage is collected every Tuesday and Friday. Recycling is collected every Wednesday. All waste collection containers as well as any brush and bulky items must be in place for collection no earlier than 7:00 pm on the evening prior to the collection day and no later than 7:00 am each morning of the collection day. Waste collection containers must be removed no later than 7:00 am the morning after the collection day.

Residents will continue to receive bills quarterly as you have in the past. As has always been the case, City residents are required to establish service for trash and recycling with the City's contract provider, IESI. The ordinance also requires residents to pay for that service or face late fees, citations, and collection proceedings.

For more information, please visit the city website at www.cityofjoshuatx.us

Electronic Council Agenda Packets Available on City website

The City Council is using a new electronic agenda packet system for the first time beginning with the Thursday February 18th Council meeting. Residents can also access meeting agendas and the entire meeting packet on line by using the city's new electronic agenda system. Instructions are available on the website at www.cityofjoshuatx.us. The new system eliminates thousands of paper copies previously required for preparation of meeting packets, and will save the City approximately \$15,000 annually in production and labor costs related to meeting packets.

Municipal Court Amnesty Program and Warrant Round Up Starts March 1st

If you are one of the more than 1,000 people with outstanding tickets and warrants in Joshua, you could be arrested for failure to pay. The good news is Court officials are preparing for an Amnesty Program that will take place from March 1, 2010 through March 12, 2010. Any person who pays the past due citation amount in full during this time avoids arrest and will have the Failure to Appear fine of \$327 dismissed.

Another option available to avoid arrest is to start a payment plan with the court and make regular payments until the amount is paid. However, a payment plan will not qualify for dismissal of the Failure to Appear Fine.

If you have one of the 1,847 outstanding warrants from the Joshua Municipal Court, you should know on March 13, 2010, the Joshua Police will conduct a warrant round-up. On this day officers will personally serve as many of the remaining warrants as possible. Any person served a warrant in person will be required to pay the amount owed in full, or you will be arrested and taken to jail.

Candidate Filing for City Council Elections Continues Through March 8th

City Council elections are scheduled for May 8, 2010. City Council places open for election this year are the Mayor, Place 1, Place 3 and Place 5. The Candidate filing deadline is March 8, 2010.

Early voting is expected to start April 26th and end May 4th, 2010. Election Day is Saturday, May 8, 2010. Specific information regarding polling times and locations will be provided once the City Council has called the election.

For more information on filing please visit the city website at www.cityofjoshuatx.us or contact City Secretary Mary Beth Thomas at 817-558-7447.

City Wide Cleanup Scheduled for March 26-28, 2010

The city's Spring Cleanup has been scheduled for March 26-28, 2010. Gates will be open from 7am – 7 pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Residents will be required to show proof of residency. Residents are reminded that they may not drop off chemicals, paint, car parts and appliances with a compressor. Tires and batteries have a \$5.00 disposal charge. Persons should enter off of 6th street to drop off debris.

Upcoming Meetings and Events.

City Council Regular Meeting February 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting March 1, 2010 at 6:30 pm

City Council Planning Work Session March 4, 2010 at 6:30 pm

Type A Economic Development Board Meeting March 8, 2010 at 6:30 pm

Type B Economic Development and Parks Board Meeting March 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.